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PREVENTION, AND THERAPY OF
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT FOR REASONS OF ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

In the Notice of Allowance mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 26, 2007, the Examiner stated that

[t]he restriction and election requirement separating the inventions of Groups I and II, as identified in the Office action mailed April 12, 2006, has been withdrawn; accordingly, claims directed to the inventions of Groups I and II have been rejoined.

Applicants wish to point out for the record that in the Restriction Requirement mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 12, 2006, the Examiner further required the election of a single *species* of a marker selected from M1A, M718, OV3A, M719, M720, M5A, M10A, M29A, M30A, M721, M488A, M35, M722, M723, M666, M489A, OV43A, M51A, M58, M22A, M74A, and M78, as listed in Table 1 of the specification. In a Response to Restriction Requirement dated September 20, 2006, Applicants elected the *species* of the marker KCNAB1 (M666). Moreover, in a Response to Non-Final Office Action dated June 7, 2007, Applicants cancelled the claims directed to the non-elected species and the generic claims. Accordingly, it

is Applicants' understanding that Applicants may now, as a matter of right, file divisional applications directed to each of the non-elected species.

Finally, Applicants note for the record that claims 1, 5-9, 11-21, 49, 50, 53, 54 and 56, as allowed, are entitled to the earliest claimed priority, *i.e.*, August 20, 2002, the filing date of Provisional Application No. 60/404,770.

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing, allowance of this application with the pending claims are respectfully requested. If a telephone conversation with the Applicants' attorney would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

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